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SUBJECT: UNESCO: EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETS ON PROBLEMS
OF 20TH GENERAL CONFERENCE

1. PROFESSOR HUGH PHILP, MEMBER OF THE UNESCO
EXECUTIVE BOARD FROM AUSTRALIA, TOLD US MARCH 30
THAT EXBD BUREAU IS CURRENTLY MEETING TO DISCUSS A
NUMBER OF ISSUES, INCLUDING PROBLEMS RELATING TO THE
20TH GENERAL CONFERENCE.

2. ONE PROBLEM IS SELECTION OF A GENERAL CONFERENCE
PRESIDENT. CANADIANS ARE PUSHING NAPOLEON LE BLANC,
FORMER EXBD MEMBER WHOM PHILP REGARDS AS INCAPABLE OF
RIDING HERD ON A MAJOR CONFERENCE. PHILP DID NOT SAY
THAT THE BUREAU WAS DISCUSSING THE PRESIDENCY IN THESE
BLUNT TERMS, BUT HE IS CLEARLY WORRIED ABOUT PROSPECT
OF A LE BLANC PRESIDENCY.

3. THE 20 C/5 (PROGRAM AND BUDGET) IS THE MOST
UNWIELDY, DENSE, AND DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND C/5
UNESCO HAS YET PRODUCED. IT RUNS TO OVER 500 PAGES.

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THE BUREAU THINKS THAT A SPECIAL GUIDE SHOULD BE PRE-
PARED TO ASSIST DELEGATIONS IN THREADING THEIR WAY
THROUGH IT. PHILP COMMENTED THAT NOW THAT UNESCO HAS
AN APPROVED MEDIUM TERM PLAN, IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN
EASIER THAN IT WAS PREVIOUSLY TO PREPARE THE PROGRAM
AND BUDGET, THAT IT SHOULD SIMPLY HAVE BEEN THE SECOND
TWO-YEAR SEGMENT OF THE SIX-YEAR MEDIUM TERM PLAN.

4. THE BUREAU WRESTLED WITH THE PERENNIAL PROBLEM OF
HOW TO KEEP DELEGATES FROM TALKING AT SUCH GREAT
LENGTH, BUT CAME UP WITH NO SOLUTION.
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